## House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 2567–2574 were introduced. Page H11686

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2149, to reduce regulation, promote efficiencies, and encourage competition in the international ocean transportation system of the United States, and to eliminate the Federal Maritime Commission (H. Rept. 104–303); and

H. Res. 253, waiving points of order against the further conference report on H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–304).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H11589

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, International Relations, the Judiciary, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Partial-Birth Abortion Ban: By a yea-and-nay vote of 288 yeas to 139 nays with 1 voting "present", the House passed H.R. 1833, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute pursuant to the rule. Page H11618

By a recorded vote of 332 ayes to 86 noes, Roll No. 755, it was made in order to use certain exhibits in the Committee of the Whole.

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H. Res. 251, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 754.

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D.C. Appropriations: House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, November 2.

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Agreed To:

The Walsh amendment that clarifies the definition of unmarried couples so that qualified single

persons seeking to adopt will not be turned away in the adoption process;

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The Davis amendment that makes technical corrections to the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act; and Pages H11649–51

The Hostettler amendment that repeals the District's Health Care Benefits Expansion Act which permits unmarried cohabiting adults to register with the District and receive certain health and other legal benefits (agreed to by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 759).

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Rejected the Bonilla amendment that sought to revoke the National Education Association's exemption from District property taxes beginning in fiscal year 1996 (rejected to be a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 213 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 758);

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H. Res. 252, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 757.

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Committee To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule on Thursday, November 2: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, the Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H11589.

Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee. Page H11685

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11602, H11605, H11618, H11626–27, H11655–56, and H11660–61. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

## **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2366, to repeal an unnecessary medical device reporting requirement; and H.R. 2519, amended, Philanthropy Protection Act of 1995.